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THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ISSUED BY NKOMO AND MUGABE  
EVENING OF OCTOBER 27, SEVERAL HOURS AFTER MEETING WITH  
AMBASSADOR RICHARD.

BEGIN TEXT

THE JOINT DELEGATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT (ZANU-ANC  
ZIMBABWE) THIS AFTERNOON HELD A MEETING WITH MR IVOR  
RICHARD, THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE, AT HIS OWN  
REQUEST.

"MR RICHARD COMMUNICATED TO COMRADES JOSHUA NKOMO AND  
ROBERT MUGABE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE  
PATRIOTIC FRONT'S DEMANDS MADE AT MONDAY'S MEETING  
(25/10/769 AS FOLLOWS:

A) WITH REGARD TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S DEMANDS ON THE  
BRITISH ROLE AND STATUS AT THE CONFERENCE, MR RICHARD  
SAID HE WAS VESTED WITH FULL POWERS. THE PATRIOTIC  
FRONT REITERATED THEIR DEMAND THAT HER MAJESTY'S  
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GOVERNMENT APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE OF MINISTERIAL RANK

WITH FULL POWERS TO GRANT ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE.

B) ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S DEMANDS THAT ALL POLITICAL DETAINEES ESPECIALLY THOSE REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE BE RELEASED, THAT IAN SMITH CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE GENOCIDE HE IS COMMITTING ON THE AFRICAN PEOPLE, AND ALL OTHER DEMANDS PREVIOUSLY MADE, MR RICHARD SAID THAT THESE HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

"UNLESS THESE DEMANDS ARE MET, THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE STANDS IN JEOPARDY. IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH IAN SMITH ARE DETERMINED TO WRECK THE CONFERENCE."

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